DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT

Appoints the Chief Marketing Officer as an *ex-officio* member of the Board of Scientific and Industrial Research in Mysore.

READ—

Government Order No. I. 2186-96—Ind. 87-52-1, dated 21st October 1952, reconstituting the Board of Scientific and Industrial Research.

2. Letter No. M.D. 4353-62—52-3, dated 29th October 1952, from the Chief Marketing Officer, Bangalore, requesting that he may also be appointed as an *ex-officio* member of the above Board.

ORDER No. I. 3224-28—IND. 87-52-3, DATED BANGALORE, THE 30TH DECEMBER 1952.

The Chief Marketing Officer, Bangalore, is appointed as an *ex-officio* member of the Board of Scientific and Industrial Research as reconstituted in the Government Order dated 21st October 1952.

R. J. REGO,
Secretary to Government,
Development Department.

LAW SECRETARIAT

Reviews the Administration Report on the working of the Jails and Lock-ups in the State during the calendar year 1951.

READ—

Letter No. 103-77, dated the 1st October 1952, from the Inspector-General of Prisons in Mysore, forwarding the report on the working of the Jails and Lock-ups in the State for the calendar year 1951.

ORDER No. H.B. 9331-43—PRIS. 57-52-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 5—9TH FEBRUARY 1953.

Recorded.

Dr. N. A. Iyengar, Senior Surgeon, was the *Ex-officio* Inspector-General of Prisons from 1st January 1951 to 31st March 1951 and he was succeeded by Dr. V. Lakshmana Rao Padke from 1st April 1951 till the end of the year.

At the beginning of the year there were 935 prisoners of all classes in jails, 5,799 prisoners were admitted, 5,645 were discharged from all classes and 1,089 remained at the end of the year. The average number during the year was 1,033 against 932 in the previous year.

The expenditure in the jails during the year under report was Rs. 3,62,420-12-6 against Rs. 3,68,275-8-0 during the previous year. The average cost per head for the maintenance of prisoners during the year was Rs. 350-13-5 against Rs. 395-2-5 in the previous year.

The total value of the articles manufactured during the year in the manufactories of both the jails at Mysore and Bangalore was Rs. 40,323-13-10 against Rs. 30,743-8-5 for the previous year. The total amount of outstanding bills due to the manufactories of the two jails was Rs. 1,43,200-1-9 as on the 1st January 1951 and it increased to Rs. 1,91,723-12-8 as on the 31st December 1951. The Inspector-General of Prisons is requested to arrange for the adjustment of the outstanding bills due to the jail well in time and to discontinue credit sales as far as possible.

At the beginning of the year there remained in the lock-ups 466 prisoners of all classes, 7,879 were admitted, 7,843 were discharged from all classes and 502 remained at the close of the year. The average number for the year was 421.25 against 582.06 for the previous year.

The gross expenditure in the lock-ups for the year under report was Rs. 2,09,855-6-0 against Rs. 1,45,312-3-1, for the previous year. The average cost of maintaining a prisoner for the year in the lock-ups was Rs. 498-2-5 as against Rs. 249-10-4 in the previous year.

Religious ministers of the jails at Bangalore and Mysore continued to visit the respective jails regularly once a week to impart religious and moral instructions to the prisoners. In the two schools (Kannada and Urdu) which continued to work, the curriculum prescribed by the Department of Public Instruction was followed.

The Minister for Law and Labour visited the jails on more than one occasion and several wholesome reforms have been effected on the suggestions made by him. Dr. Walter C. Reckless, an expert in Criminology and Correctional Methods, whose services were lent to the Government of India by the United Nations, visited the two jails at Bangalore and Mysore during the month of November 1951.

Among the non-official visitors, only one had visited the Central Jail, Bangalore, on two occasions and action was taken by the jail authorities on his suggestion to improve the conditions of the prisoners. In the Mysore Jail, none of the non-official visitors visited the jail to offer suggestions to improve the conditions of prisoners. It is desirable that all the non-official visitors of the jails and lock-ups take more interest in visiting the respective jails and lock-ups regularly and offer their valuable advice to improve the life of the convict confined in the jails. The Inspector-General of Prisons is directed to issue suitable instructions to the officers-in-charge of the jails and lock-ups to draw the attention of the non-official visitors to the rules of the Mysore Jail and Lock-up Manuals and enlist their co-operation.

The health, discipline and conduct of the prisoners during the year were satisfactory.

General.—The policy of Government with regard to administration of jails and lock-ups is aimed at training the prisoners for a useful life on release. With this object in view, several ameliorative measures providing more amenities to the prisoners and establishing jail industries with modern machines to improve the tons of production have been undertaken during the year. A few of the measures undertaken in the new direction are—

1. Installation of Japanese Garabo Spinning Plant;
2. Visual Education Scheme;
3. Introduction of Textile Power-looms;
4. Introduction of Wage-earning Scheme.

The question of separation of youthful delinquency by opening a Borstal School in Bangalore is under consideration of Government. The financial aspect of this question is being examined as well as the preparation of plans and estimates for its construction.

There has been a delay of 5 months in submitting the Administration Report of the Prisons Department to Government. The Inspector-General of Prisons is requested to prepare the Administration Report quite well in time and forward it to Government within the time limit prescribed under the rules.

The administration of the Department during the year under review was satisfactory.

M. SADASIVAYYA,
Secretary to Government,
Law Department.

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